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SUBJ: DRV DELEGATION IN Leningrad

1. Leningrad Press reported arrival Jan 24 of North Vietnamese delegation of Society of Vietnamese-Soviet Friendship. DRV delegation, headed by Nguyen Cuong Sa, Chairman of DRV Council of Economic Arbitration, will spend three days in Leningrad. Purpose given as "taking part in measures dedicated to second anniversary of Paris Agreements."

2. Congen notes that North Vietnamese group receiving relatively prominent attention. Visit to Smolnyy (Communist Party Headquarters) involved meeting with Obkom Party Secretary V.N. Ignatov. Standard factory visit for discussion with fellow workers produced Soviet expressions of support, although these were more neutral than Nguyen Cuong Sa's reported remarks. Soviet factory officials spoke of "efforts of Leningraders to extend future brotherly assistance to Vietnamese people, "and" strengthened international friendship of the two countries." Nguyen Cuong Sa said that Vietnamese people have always relied on support of Soviet Union in their revolutionary struggle, adding that "we are grateful for that and will strengthen our friendship and unity."

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